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Commander's Corner

Camp Roberts Celebrates 65 Years of Service to State and Nation

Camp Roberts will be celebrating its 65 years of service to the state and nation with an Open House on Saturday, May 6, between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. I invite the public to meet soldiers and their families and to become better acquainted with the California National Guard's largest training area. Admission is free.

Displays highlighting Camp Roberts' present-day work as well as historical exhibits of the camp's past days as an Army training center will be accompanied by a display of military vehicles past and present. The Camp Roberts Museum and Museum Annex, one of the finest military museums in the state, will be open during this event. Children's activities will also be available.

Food will be available at the camp and families wishing to picnic on the

athletic field are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets for their comfort.

Community and civic groups interested in participating should contact Lisa Norris at (805) 238-8308.

Camp Roberts is located 13 miles north of Paso Robles, at Exit 244 of U.S. Highway 101. Valid photo identification is required of all adults in the vehicle. Except for service animals, pets are not allowed at Camp Roberts.

Support Victory!

JOHN F. SMITH
Colonel, Field Artillery
Post Commander



**Soldiers are not in the Army.
Soldiers ARE the Army.**

Gen. Creighton Abrams

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OPSEC is Everyone's Responsibility

By 2LT James A. Capobianco
condensed from Infantry Magazine March 2006

THE IMPORTANCE OF OPERATIONS SECURITY

According to a memorandum from the office of the Secretary of Defense, Soldiers in Afghanistan found an Al Qaeda training manual; this manual purports that by "using public sources openly and without resorting to illegal means, it is possible to gather at least 80 percent of information about the enemy." Based upon captured documents, the realities of American society, and other intelligence indicators, we must assume that our enemies use our openness as a fertile bed for intelligence gathering. Specifically, it is a sure bet that adversaries are routinely accessing and monitoring Internet sites and other open-source media to gain an advantage against our superiorly equipped and trained forces.

The modern American concept of war has tended to neglect the existence and real threat of espionage conducted against the United States and its allies. Some Soldiers are failing to recognize the potential damage they are causing by failing to protect critical information on past, present, and future operations.

Failure to enforce basic OPSEC rules and regulations results in the transmission of potentially damaging information into the hands of our adversaries.

OPSEC is a continuous process that must occur during times of peace and war. Knowing what is and what is not critical information is the basis for establishing and maintaining good OPSEC. Specifically, Soldiers must know what information is considered critical information or essential elements of friendly information (EEFI). In general, critical information is considered to be "specific facts about friendly intentions, capabilities, and activities vitally needed by adversaries for them to plan and act effectively so as to guarantee failure or unacceptable consequences for friendly mission accomplishment" (Joint Pub I-02).

HOW TO PROTECT OPSEC

Virtually every means of communication can be compromised. However, the easiest and most prevalent means is through open sources. Open-source materials include, but are not limited to: webpages, news channels, newspapers, technical manuals, field manuals, and government white papers.

The most common ways our enemies obtain information are through monitoring and intercepting: Websites, Cell phones, Pagers, PDAs, Telephones, and Trash.

Information leaked through these sources is easily preventable. The easiest way to counter enemy attempts is to simply not transmit pertinent information via these mediums.

Every Soldier possesses some knowledge that is coveted by our enemies. Soldiers must be mindful of the content of their public discussions, phone conversations, and e-mail. In order to guarantee the protection of vital information, Soldiers must assume that someone else may either be listening to their conversations, or reading their written correspondence.

COMMON OPSEC VIOLATIONS

American Soldiers routinely discuss their deployment schedules with friends and family through unclassified mediums. Soldiers are returning from theater and posting their tactical experiences in chat forums, on message boards, and in other open-source media. The majority of these individuals are merely trying to share their hard-gained knowledge with their peers. Without proper control measures, sensitive information flows directly to the enemy.



With the increasing prominence of the Internet, many Soldiers are using it as a means to share information. Before sharing information, think about who else may have access to it. If you did not need to enter a password to gain access to a website, then neither does the enemy.

Violations in OPSEC give our adversaries one piece of the puzzle at a time. Enemy information gathering is predicated upon patience and persistence. Over time, the enemy is able to gather enough information to make an informed decision on how we conduct our missions and as to what our future intentions are.

CONCLUSION

Operations security is a practice that must be adhered to at all times. It is a policy that is as equally imperative in peace as it is in war. Despite its importance, Soldiers have become lax in their adherence to proper OPSEC procedures. Information pertaining to deployment schedules, missions, tactics, and recent lessons learned is just some of the information being shared through numerous open source mediums. Soldiers must learn what information needs to be protected and how to protect it.

We must not provide our enemy with detailed information on how we operate--to do so compromises the security and safety of our troops. What may seem to be of no intelligence value to you may prove to be the coups de grace in the planning and implementation of a future terrorist attack. Remember, OPSEC is everyone's responsibility!

Announcements



MWR Leisure Tours and Tickets

**Las Vegas Trips
Broadway Shows and Hornblower
Cruises in San Francisco
Professional Sports
Pinnacles Rock Climbing/Hike
White Water Rafting
and MUCH MORE**

**Contact ITT at Presidio of Monterey
831-242-5506/6133
or
www.pom-odr.com**



Meeting Room Available

The Multipurpose
Room in Bldg 6038 is
now available for
meetings, etc.

Contact the Billeting
Office, 68312, for
more info.



**Post your announcements and notices of goods
for sale, rent or give away here.
Send to Lisa Norris, Bldg 109, Camp Roberts,
(lisa.e.norris@us.army.mil) by the 25th of the
month.**

From the Camp Roberts Safety Office

Rodent Control at CR?

MAJ Staci Kato, Camp Roberts Safety Officer

Yes, it's SPRINGTIME and rodents (rats, mice, squirrels) can be found all over the central coast and, unfortunately, Camp Roberts! This means that you are working alongside little, tiny, furry rodents. Fun to look at — bad to work with...

In conjunction with the Code of Federal Regulations, as governed by the Occupational Safety & Health, U.S. Department of Labor (CFR General Industry 1910), the "book of rules" for the safety community, and by following simple rules, the number of rodents and the health risks associated with them can be minimized in your work area.

What to do if an infestation occurs in your work area

- * Avoid contact with any potentially rodent-contaminated item(s) or surfaces. If a room is heavily infested (substantial amount of droppings throughout the area) you may opt to stay out of the area until it can be properly cleaned/sanitized.
- * Inform your building manager/department supervisor/DPW of the situation.
- * When the manager/department supervisor/DPW arrives, let them know of any contaminated areas. They will let you know what can be salvaged and what must be disposed of. It is also helpful to let them know of possible rodent entry/exit points

into your work area.

Why is Rodent Control important?

* Mice and rats, whether dead or alive, spread disease. They damage buildings, chew wiring and caused electrical fires. They eat and urinate on human and animal food and serve as carriers for disease. Hantavirus, Human Plague, infectious jaundice, salmonellosis, rat-bite fever and trichinosis are illnesses associated with exposure to rodents and rodent habitat. Controlling these rodents is important to a healthy work environment.

How to identify a rodent problem

- * Sounds: Gnawing, climbing noises in walls, squeaks.
- * Droppings: Along walls, behind objects and near food sources.
- * Burrows: Rat burrows are indicated by fresh diggings along foundations, through floorboards and in wall spaces.
- * Runs: Leaves dust free trails and areas along walls and behind storage material.
- * Gnawing marks: Look for wood chips around boards, bins, crates. Fresh gnawing marks will be pale in color.
- * Rodent Odors: Persistent musky odors are a positive sign of infestation.
- * Visual Sightings: Daylight sighting of mice is common. Rats are seen in daylight only if the population is high.

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Letters from Our "Forward" Staff



Hello Everyone-

Just wanted to send a note and let you know that my promotion came through. The orders were issued from NGB on the 14th of this month. What a great Valentine's Day present! So with orders in hand, I got "patched" (no longer 'pinned' with the new ACU's) a couple days ago by the BDE Commander. I'm still trying to get used to using LTC; it will probably take a little while.

I want to thank you COL Smith for all your support in making this happen too!

Hope everyone is well....looks like we'll be heading home in September. It will be 12 months from the day the unit arrived in Kuwait (which counts for entering the theater).

Please feel free to forward to the rest of the staff; I didn't intend to exclude anyone that might be interested.

LTC Judy M. Mavroleon
S5, Deputy Dir P3 TF
49th MP BDE HQ

E-mail from MSG Shannon Baptiste to COL Smith:

Great hearing from you, Sir,

Yes, I am still here at Fort Irwin. I should be back in November. Sure miss Camp Bob.

MSG Baptiste

Sir,

I am in charge of the S&S division here at LSA Anaconda working for LTC Massar 40th SPO. I am in charge of monitoring the operations of retrograde, ADACG, Container manager, Joint Distribution Center, Forward Redistribution Center, Class IX, Class II-IV, ITV (In-transit Visibility of Cargo), TARP/DRMO.

I have anywhere from 5-7 meetings a week, and have a reduced work day one day a week, depending upon which day is not too busy.

Give my hellos to all at CR

MAJ Bohn

Sir:

When you are over here everything is fun. :)

I have a new job. I am the LNO for the 49th MP BDE, to the 101st Division, I am now located north of Baghdad (110 miles) at FOB Speicher. I have the northern provinces (7) that I am assisting in coordinating the teams of Coalition Forces, Civilian (US) police to train the Iraqi police. The year of POLICE, our mission has changed, we (49th) have the entire country to train the police.

I will be back in late May early June in your area, I will stop by and say hello.

Kerry Costello
Major, Infantry

I am projecting a return to California by early to mid March for DIVARTY. It is expected that CPT Stephenson and SGT Silva should be following approximately 30 days later with CAV. As for errands, I'm fairly certain that we don't need much down here, other than a trip home.

All in all, this was definitely a learning experience being part of a joint staff. The best part of every mission, is the end and going home. I look forward to the return to Camp Roberts and re-joining the rest of the staff and soldiers.

Thank you for your continuous updates of Camp Roberts events and support to us.

ROBERT J. DOWNEY JR.
CPT, MP, CAARNG
JTF-GTMO

Raymond Harris and “America’s Guitar” Tour Comes to Camp Roberts

Country-Western singer Raymond Harris made Camp Roberts the 57th stop on his “America’s Guitar” tour.

Harris is now entering his second year of a five-year tour of military bases around the world, with a personal goal to visit every American military base or camp around the world.

While he is happy to autograph his publicity photo and copies of his latest CD, *Hurt By The Best*, he asks one thing of the soldiers—place THEIR autograph on a guitar for him. When a guitar is filled with names, it is re-strung and the entire collection of guitars bearing the names of military men and women from every corner of the globe will be presented to the Grand Ole Opry’s museum in Nashville, Tenn.

While his CD’s are not available in any store, Harris says he prefers to sell directly to the soldiers at their Post Exchange “to better benefit the troops.” Direct sales also allows him to pass savings on to the soldier and give a larger percentage of the sale to directly to the local Post Exchanges, money that would have been otherwise lost to “middlemen.” Profits from Post Exchange sales benefit Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs for a base and its soldiers.

If you missed the opportunity to purchase *Hurt By The Best* from Harris’ in-person visit, the Post Exchange still has a limited supply remaining. If you signed one of the “America’s Guitars,” you can follow Harris and his guitars on his Website: www.raymondharrisusa.com.



America’s Guitar: Country-Western singer Raymond Harris holds a guitar that has been completely filled with names of soldiers from Camp Roberts. The guitar, a vintage-style Brownville “Thug,” will be re-strung before its presentation to the museum at the Grand Ole Opry to honor American service members.

Camp Roberts Removing Propane Tank Farms

Once a vital part of the Camp Roberts infrastructure, the propane tank farms of Camp Roberts fell into disuse when the camp converted to natural gas in the mid-1990’s.

Part of the camp’s original construction, there were two large tank facilities on Main Garrison and a smaller facility on East Garrison.



Never a Marshmallow or a Hot Dog Around When You Need One: The last remaining propane gas in the tanks at Propane Plant Number 2 in the 6000-area is burned-off prior to tank demolition. Air is pumped into the tanks, forcing the remaining gas out to the burner shown above.



The larger propane tanks located on Main Garrison, such as these two in the Industrial Area, were capable of holding up to 60,000 gallons each.

The tanks have been completely purged of remaining propane and work has already begun on their demolition.

While the tanks certainly have a scrap metal value, technicians preparing the tanks for demolition said the tanks were in such good condition that they could possibly be cut-down into shorter, smaller tanks and service the propane industry for another 65 more years.

Railroad History Comes Alive at the Museum!

By Gary McMaster, Camp Roberts Historical Museum

An HO-scale replica of the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot that served Camp Roberts during World War II (and presumably through the Korean War) is the most recent addition to the Camp Roberts Historical Museum. The depot was located on the east side of Highway 101 across from the camp's Main Gate. At that time, Highway 101 was a 2-lane highway. With all the Army troops coming and going, this depot was the busiest stop on the



Southern Pacific's coastal route during World War II.

Also in exhibit--located in the Main Museum--is an original Southern Pacific poster of the Camp Roberts train schedule, Camp Roberts train tickets from WWII, depot photos and other Southern Pacific Railroad artifacts.



Real TRAIN-ing: Soldiers board a troop train (top), depicted by small plastic soldiers in the replica (bottom).



Reclaimed by Nature: Covered in weeds, the concrete platform and asphalt patches are all that remain of the Camp Roberts Train Station. A truck races down present-day US Highway 101, just west of the station's location.

The builder of the scale model train layout is Leonard Formosa, a member of the Atascadero Model Railway Club. MSG Formosa is a retired Master Sergeant

who served in tank battalions of the California Army National Guard, retiring from fulltime duty as a Master Gunner. He generously built this wonderfully detailed recreation of the historic railway depot for the Museum--bringing Camp Roberts' railway history alive for all to see!



"X" Does NOT Mark the Spot: "the spot" for the old Camp Roberts Train Station is the clump of bushes 150 feet further up the track. The "X" sign tells the engineer to sound the train's whistle for the crossing ahead

Lights, Camera — Camp Roberts!

While filming at Camp Roberts is something that has been happening since 1943, it is unusual to get more than one in the same month, let alone in the same weekend. Here's what is coming soon to a theater near you!



(Above) Howard Gibson (playing the part of Frank Tudeschi) prepares for his next scene during the "night" sequence in Sherwood Forest.

(Right) Gibson fires a shot at a German soldier who has just shot his medic. Safe use of blank "show" ammunition required no one be in front of the weapon; editing will add the German later.



Facing the Enemy

Mars Rising Films

Sherwood Forest "stands-in" for a Normandy forest in this independent short movie directed by Jon Enge.

Injured during his parachute jump, American soldier Frank Tudeschi (played by Howard Gibson) shoots and critically injures German soldier Detlaf Hartmann (Eric Wittgren), after Hartmann shoots and kills Tudeschi's medic (Allen Yates).

As the two injured men lay wounded, a friendly bond of sorts develops between them — only to be broken again as the war finds them again.

The 14-minute short should be coming to film festivals this summer.

American Rogue Films

American Rogue Films filmed a sequence of action shots over two different days at Camp Roberts' East Garrison for a Army National Guard short film to be seen in theaters this year.

Styled after the "Movietone" newsreel films shown before movies in Hollywood's "Golden Age," the film, which will also be run before movies, intends to share the importance of the Guard's missions and capabilities with the public, and to demonstrate the character and commitment of the soldiers serving their nation, their communities and their neighbors.



MIAI "Abrams" tanks from MATES provide cinema magic, both day...



...and night!



Extreme Close-ups: Director Klaus Obermeyer gets up close and personal, both in the air (in a helicopter, expertly piloted by Craig Hosking)(above) and on the ground, with members of the 184th Infantry (left). The "fog of war" is provided by smoke machines upwind from the helicopter.

Other Movies Filmed at Camp Roberts

See Here, Private Hargrove (1943)

Robert Walker/Donna Reed

Follow the Boys (1943)

Patriotic film with numerous stars from Universal
The Court-Martial of Jackie Robinson (1990)

Troop Services

Postal Center	Bldg 108	68209	M-F 0800-1600	
Post Exchange	Bldg 6036	68195	T-F 1100-1800	Sat—upon request
Dry Cleaners	Bldg 6036	68195	T-F 1100-1800	Sat—upon request
Barber Shop	Bldg 6037	68102	POSTED	
Snack Bar	Bldg 6029	68120	M-F 0700-1400	
Laundry Trailer	Near Bldg 120	68195	24 hours	
Recreation Center	Bldg 6320	68101	POSTED	
Espresso-A-Go-Go	On Post	Mobile Truck	Daily 0700-0900	
Express Cafe	Bldg 6037	68CUP	Daily 0700-1500	
Fitness Center/Gym	Bldg 6033	68106	Daily 0600-2300	
Chapel	Bldg 6030	68185	POSTED	
Red Cross		877-272-7337	24 hours	
Family Assistance	Bldg 6038	68310	POSTED	805-896-4029 cell
Internet Cafe	Bldg 6037	68932	POSTED	
Museum	Bldg 114	68288	Th&Sat 0900-1600	
Fire Dept	Bldg 4050	68220	24 hours	Emerg only call 68911

POC QUICK LIST

Command	68202	Security	68190
Training/Operations	68206	Environmental	68332
Public Works	68217	Hunting/Fishing	68167
Logistics	68492	Billeting	68312
Personnel/Res Mgmt	68245	Family Support	68310
Info Mgmt	68390	MTC Orderly Room	68204
Fire Dept	68220	Mail Room	68209
Public Affairs	68308		

Safety: Rodent Control at Camp Roberts (Continued from page 3)

* **Smudge Marks:** May be found on pipes, rafters where dirt and oil from fur leave a greasy film. Look for it on countertops, across tops of microwaves, on desktops.

Preventative Measures

* Do not eat, drink or store food in your work area, if it can be avoided. Your department should have a designated food storage and dining area.

* Food should be stored in tightly sealed rodent-resistant containers (not cardboard). Thick plastic, metal or glass containers with tight fitting lids work best.

* Clean any dirty dishes immediately after food consumption. Do NOT allow soiled dishes to sit in the sink. This creates a food source for rodents.

Keep your workspace clean!

* Avoid excess storage both inside and outside of your building and be sure your work environment is kept free of dirt and debris.

* Avoid stacking of clutter in and around your desk, as this is a convenient hiding/crawlspace for rodents.

* Keep exterior doors and unscreened windows closed as much as possible, especially at night when most rodents are active.

* Dispose of refuse in a receptacle and empty often. Do NOT leave trash lying around.

Following these simple rules can minimize your contact with rodents maneuvering into your AO!!



The Rocks Roll: DPW has completed the "painted rocks" project located behind the CPL Harold Roberts Memorial Wall, near the Main Gate. The front of the concrete "rocks" display each of the "Army Values." Visiting units may, upon approval, paint their "unit crest" on a remaining side.

The Camp Roberts Trainer is a publication for Camp Roberts personnel and their families, as well as transient troops training on the installation. The proponent for this newsletter is the Camp Roberts Public Affairs Office. This is an unofficial publication, such views and opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Department of the Army or the State Military Department. Comments and suggestions can be directed to the PAO at 68308 or lisa.norris@ca.ngb.army.mil



Lost in a Fog: Runners in the recent Buzz Marathon warm-up prior to their race.